

FAMILY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

TUTORIAL CLASSES

Course Descriptions for 2018-19 School Year

FUNDAMENTALS OF LITERATURE

\$400

1 English credit (Grades 9-10, 8th with permission)

Instructor: Mrs. Janet Segui thesequis@yahoo.com; mobile 240-464-3585

Course Description: This class will use Bob Jones' ninth grade textbook, *Fundamentals of Literature* (2nd edition), which teaches the student to be a discerning reader by focusing on the fundamentals of literature--conflict, character, theme, structure, point of view and moral tone. Students will study contemporary and classic American, British, and world authors in four genres: fiction, nonfiction, poetry and drama. Critical thinking skills are encouraged through discussion questions. Concepts and literary works are analyzed using scriptural applications. In addition to using our textbook, we will read 4 or 5 major literary works (books or novellas) over the course of the academic year. While this course is not a writing class, there will be writing assignments, at the end of each unit.

Required Texts:

Fundamentals of Literature (2nd edition), ISBN-13: 978-1591668893

Fundamentals of Literature Tests (2nd edition): ISBN-13: 978-1591668909

4 or 5 books to be determined (most should be available through the public library system).

Class Maximum: 16; **Class Minimum:** 8

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

FRENCH I:

\$400

1 Foreign Language credit (Class meets 2x per week) (Grades 9-12)

Instructor: Mrs. Janet Segui theseguis@yahoo.com,

Home: 301-947-5475 Cell: 240-464-3585

Course Description: This course is designed for beginning French language studies at the high school level. It will enable students to attain an introductory level of proficiency in four basic skills—listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will be using McDougal Littell's *Discovering French Nouveau Level 1 Bleu*. Focus will be on vocabulary, grammar (including verb conjugations in present and past tenses), and basic conversation practice (relating to such areas as classroom, telling time, family, daily activities, shopping, eating). French cultural awareness will be achieved through memorization of songs and poems, as well as weekly sampling and discussion of French foods.

Required Texts: *Discovering French Nouveau: Student Edition Level 1 2007*, by Jean-Paul and Rebecca Valette. **ISBN-13:** 978-0618656516

See: http://www.amazon.com/Discovering-French-Nouveau-Student-Level/dp/0618656510/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1393879551&sr=1-1&keywords=discovering+french+nouveau+bleu

Workbook for Discovering French Nouveau! (Level 1) with Lesson Review Bookmarks Bleu

ISBN-13: 978-0618661787 see:

http://www.amazon.com/Workbook-Discovering-French-Nouveau-Bookmarks/dp/0618661786/ref=pd_bxgy_b_img_y

Fees: **\$30** copy fee

\$60 food cost (we'll be having French snack food once per week; please advise of any allergies)

Class Maximum: 15

SCIENCE

PHYSICAL SCIENCE w/Lab

\$400

1 Lab Science credit (Grades 8-9)

Instructor: Megan Ellis, Phone: 301-523-2273

Course Description: This course begins with a study of atoms and molecules, then applies these concepts to a more in-depth study of air, water, weather, astronomy, forces and motion, electricity, magnetism, light and sound. Class time will be spent introducing and reviewing concepts from the text, performing experiments and reviewing homework assignments.

Required Texts: *Exploring Creation with Physical Science (2nd ed.)* by Dr. Jay Wile,

-Extra test pages

-Student Notebook.

Parents will not need to purchase test or quiz answer keys.

Lab Fees: \$50

Class Maximum: 12 **Class Minimum:** 4

CHEMISTRY:

\$450

1 Lab Science credit (Class meets 2x per week) (Grades 10-12)

Prerequisite: Algebra 1

Instructor: Mrs. Candy Smith smittycandy@yahoo.com

Course Description: This comprehensive high school Chemistry course uses Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Chemistry 2nd Edition* (note: this is an older edition - contact me if you are having trouble finding a text). In order to be able to understand this text, the student needs to have completed Algebra 1. The course covers significant figures, units, classification, the mole, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, thermodynamics, kinetics, acids and bases, redox reactions, solutions, atomic structure, Lewis structures, molecular geometry, the gas laws, and equilibrium. Labs will be performed along with each module and students will be responsible for submitting a lab report for each lab performed. Students who take and understand this course will be very well-prepared for a university chemistry course. This class meets twice a week.

Required Texts: *Apologia Exploring Creation with Chemistry 2nd Edition* + Solutions Manual 2nd Edition.

Fees: Lab Fee \$50

Class Maximum: 16 **Class Minimum:** 4

ELECTIVES

BIBLE: BEHOLD YOUR GOD

\$150

1 Bible credit (Grades 9-12)

Instructor: Kristina Johnson, ksingingtoj@gmail.com

Course Description: Positive Action's curriculum *Behold Your God* will take students on a journey through Scripture to learn what God says about Himself. Using inductive study at home plus discussion and quizzes in class, they will be encouraged to know the character and work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in order to prepare them to love Him and reflect His love to others. Grades will be assigned for completion of homework, quizzes and tests. Scripture memory and additional reading can be completed for extra credit. **Evaluation:** homework 40%, quizzes 30% and tests 30%.

Required Texts: The students will need to have a *Behold Your God* [student book](#) plus a copy of *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves.

Class Minimum: 5

ACTING 1,2,3

\$200

0.5 Fine Arts credit (grades 9-12)

Instructor: Cathy Mays, cmays5@gmail.com

Course Description: A combined acting class which allows each student to work at his or her own level, whether beginner or experienced. This course can be taken for a letter grade or pass/fail. (Advanced students can submit application for teacher assistant positions. Please contact instructor.) Younger students will be considered after high school students have registered. Please contact instructor if interested in this class for a student in grades 7 or 8. cmays5@gmail.com **Evaluation:** 40% monologues and scenes, 40% skills growth, 20% classwork and participation

Class Minimum: 4

BIBLE AS DRAMA

\$150

0.5 Fine Arts credit (Grades 11-12)

Instructor: Cathy Mays, cmays5@gmail.com

Course Description: Students study the Bible and biblical metaphor through the lens of drama using various aspects of theatre including playwriting, directing, story theatre, acting, mime,

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dance, music, and production. Students focus on discovering and identifying story elements along with character analysis and development. This course can be taken as a Bible course or fine arts elective. It can also be taken for a letter grade or pass/fail. Younger students will be considered on an individual basis. Please contact instructor: cmays5@gmail.com **Evaluation:** 50% scene/story projects, 30% skills growth, 20% classwork and participation

Class Minimum: 4

OUR TEACHERS

MEGAN ELLIS

Megan is teaching Art 1, Art 2, Physical Science, and Advanced Biology this year. Megan, a product of homeschooling, graduated from Cedarville University with a degree in International Studies: Social Science. She has been working as a substitute art teacher since 2001 and has been writing her own curriculum and teaching her own art classes since 2016 at both MCI and Cornerstone Academy. Megan has been teaching science for homeschoolers since 2014 and has enjoyed covering topics of General Science, Physical Science, Biology, Marine Biology, and Advanced Biology. In other words, if it's smelly and squishy she has probably enjoyed teaching it. Megan has recently begun tutoring in Sciences and Ancient History, her first love.

KRISTINA JOHNSON

Kristina Johnson was homeschooled through high school and completed a Bible college course during that time. She went on to earn a B.S. in Biology from Texas A&M - Kingsville and do a fellowship with NIH before starting a family. She has homeschooled her six children since they began, also teaching piano and choir along the way plus history, science, and music in a co-op setting. Most importantly, she is a child of God who is passionate about knowing Him through His Word.

CATHY MAYS

Cathy is teaching Bible as Drama, Acting Shakespeare and Acting 1,2,3 this year. She has been teaching acting for over 45 years. Cathy first performed in a professional production when she was 15 and began teaching at the Columbia Center of Theatrical Arts the following year. She loves to teach acting not so much so others can work professionally (though that has happened with former students) but more because it is a wonderful way of growing in compassion and understanding for others. It's as close as we can come to learning how to walk in someone else's shoes. She also knows acting can help students conquer fear while growing in poise, diction, and

confidence. Her passion is to use theatre to spread the gospel, so she is especially excited to introduce the new course: Bible as Drama. Cathy has a BA in Drama from Catholic University.

JANET SEGUI

Janet is teaching French 1 and Fundamentals of Literature this year. Janet Segui has 16 years experience as a homeschool mom, having already graduated three children from high school. She is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, where she studied at a French university for one year and received a Bachelor of Science degree in French Business. After working for a French company in Pittsburgh for four years and the World Bank for three years, she took several years off of work when her children were young. She then taught French classes in a co-op for three years, and began teaching tutorial classes (MCI/FSP) in 2011. Additionally, Janet has a love for literature and has taught middle and high school level literature classes in various co-ops for the last 10 years.

CANDACE SMITH

Candy is teaching Chemistry this year. She has been teaching Chemistry for 10 years in private school and to homeschool students. Candy has a BA in Chemistry from Messiah College. Other experience relating to chemistry includes 9 years of lab research in recombinant DNA, protein chemistry, and microbiology, as well as biotech product development, technical support and training of sales representatives in the science behind the products they are selling. She loves teaching chemistry and has been blessed to have numerous students return to tell her how well they performed in college chemistry and/or their love for the sciences because of her teaching.

May the Lord guide and direct your decisions!

If you have any questions related to a specific class, **please contact the teacher directly.** Their contact information is listed in the course description.

If you have any questions to FSP's tutorial classes, contact Candy Smith at csmith@covlife.org or Janet Segui at jsegui@covlife.org

God bless you!